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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N.S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 17, 1919.

Sir R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Falconer:

I duly received your night letter of July 13th reading as follows:

> "Important university board meeting in Toronto September eleventh but will try to have it put on ninth and to reach Halifax on Thursday night, spending Friday and Saturday, September twelfth and thirteenth with you."

and note that you had planned a Board meeting for the 11th, but will try to have it put on the 9th so as to arrive here Thursday night. We were expecting to put the main academic day on Thursday and have the Convocation and dinner to visiting college people on Thursday evening, and moreover whenever we have that part of it you must be here, so I write to know whether you could push your meeting back one day more to the 8th so that you could get here Wednesday night, or change it to the next week. We had planned Friday for Alumni day and Saturday for Citizens' Day, and it might be difficult for us to exchange the programme of Thursday for that of Friday. I hope you realize that we are counting on having you with us at all costs, and I am writing now to see what you can plan to do as it is too late for us to shift our

dates.

Did anything come as the result of the Committee, of which you are head, laying before Sir Robert Borden the case for the giving of aid to returned soldier students. We get constant letters from students asking about it.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. S. Kenley Mackenzie
per b.

ASM/C. President.

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SIR ROBERT FALCONER

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,

FINLAYSON GOING TO MANITOBA CIVIL ENGINEERING CAN YOU RECOMMEND SUCCESSOR FINLAYSON MENTIONED GILLISPIE

STANLEY MCKENZIE.

2.50PM

September 19th, 1919

President A. S. Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.

My dear Mackenzie:

I am sending you some copies of a circular letter sent out by the Secretary of the Universities Bureau, Dr. Hill, calling attention to the fact that they have decided to have another Congress of the Universities of the Empire in London in July 1920. At the same time he asks me whether we cannot have before long a preliminary local conference to consider what may be put on the Agenda and to give a considered judgment upon these matters in time to have our opinion sent to the other Universities of the Empire before the Congress is called. I myself do not believe that we can have a meeting until next May, but I think that if you as President will get Nicholson, the Secretary, to have a copy of this circular letter sent to each University we may by correspondence get certain agenda together and be ready for discussion at any rate by next May. If you agree with my suggestion perhaps you will send one of the enclosed letters to Nicholson.

Again let me congratulate you on the success of last week.

I got Murray by telephone on the way up. He

left on Thursday night for Sussex and is to be there for a time. Will you not write to him and urge him to take a long holiday. I saw Dean Ling of the University of Saskatchewan yesterday, and he is strongly of the opinion that he should take a good holiday.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N.S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 11, 1919.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President University of Toronto,
T o r o n t o, Ont.

My dear Falconer;

I am only now getting time to attend to some piled-up correspondence, much of it very important, which I have had to let lie because I just could not attend to it. Among these is the matter of the proposed Universities' Congress in London in July. In this connection, I have written to Sirois, asking him to send out a copy of the circular to every member of our Canadian Conference, asking them to submit suggestions for the agenda paper. I have also asked him to put in his letter a request that the head of each institution state his opinion as to the possibility and advisability of holding a meeting of the Canadian Conference soon rather than next May. I may say in this regard that at the Conference of the Maritime Universities this fall, there was a very strong opinion expressed that the holding of our Conference late in May cut practically all the Maritime College

representatives out of the possibility of attending. They passed a good strongly-worded resolution, which was forwarded to the Executive of the Conference, asking that the meeting be held at such time as their representatives could attend, and suggesting that November was the proper month. Now, I in many ways agree with this suggestion, and would be quite ready to argue strongly for November as the time of the meeting of the Conference. By that time College work has pretty well settled into its ordinary routine of running, and representatives would be able to get away without seriously interfering with the running of their institution. I thought indeed of getting our Executive together and having a discussion of it, but did not do so, as every College seemed to be in so much confusion this year on account of the very large numbers and the difficulty of meeting the new conditions.that I felt that they would be quite unwilling to consider the holding of a Conference early in the year. For the purpose of preparing a proper agenda from the Canadian standpoint for the Congress next summer, it might be worth while holding a meeting of our Conference, and it might be possible to hold it in say January or February, or at the time of the mid-year examinations. I should think that a good many College men might be free for a few days at that time. It would not need to be a large gathering.

If each University could send even one man, it would be probably sufficient. What do you think of it?

With all ~~good~~ wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Stanley McKenzie

President.

A.S.M./H.

November 15th, 1919

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,
Dalhousie University.

My dear Mackenzie:

A few days ago I had a cable from the Universities Bureau of London saying that the Congress has been postponed until 1921. This I should think suits us all very much better.

I am ready to have our Universities Conference at any time that the other Universities say is most convenient. Possibly the middle of November is, as you suggest, the best time, but if even this next spring you would prefer to have it earlier we could arrange it, although probably I have to go to Taunton in April. In view of the postponement of the University Conference in London I presume we shall not need anything special this year.

We opened Dart House on Tuesday. Everything went off very well. As in your case we have a very large attendance. I am glad to hear from my brother how large yours is, and what a relief it is with regard to funds. We are expecting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murray here next week.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N.S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 27, 1919.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Falconer:

I was sorry not to find you at home during my rushed visit to Toronto last week. I was, however, more fortunate in the case of the Murrays, and had an hour's chat with them. I am sorry now that I did not stay over a day in Toronto, which as it turned out later I might as well have done, as then I could have seen you and have seen more of Walter. I thought he looked very much better, though he was a bit worried perhaps just then because the meeting of Convocation was taking place on that very day. I do not like the result of that meeting of Convocation as I saw it in our papers. It is true they voted down a resolution asking the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the University, but they did pass a resolution deprecating the manner in which the dismissal of the four Professors was made. I fear it all means that the pot will be kept boiling for a while yet, and that Walter will not go back to a situation quickly promising peace. I hope, however, I am wrong in my diagnosis of the situation. I tried to get him to delay as long as possible his return to Saskatoon, for Mrs. Murray

told me on the quiet that Walter was far from being well yet and could still be easily upset nervously.

Now that the war is over, I am trying to work out a basis for organization of Dalhousie. As you know, we have been running with about the same machinery for many years, and it is quite out of keeping now with the many changes that have taken place in the last dozen years. Moreover, in connection with our campaign for money which is to come off next spring, I want to make an estimate of the amount needed to put each department of the University on a modestly sound footing. This is not so difficult for me to do in the Arts and Science side of the University because it is mainly a matter there of expansion of the facilities and staff already existing. The same thing is true in the Law School. It is in the Medical School that I find I want the most light, so I am going to ask you if you would mind sending me the budget for your Medical School, showing how much each department costs: that is, what I want is really the annual appropriations for salaries to the Professors (permanent staff) and for assistance (demonstrators, etc.), and the annual equipment appropriation and the annual library appropriation for that department. If it is going to be a lot of bother for your office to get this together in this form, perhaps you have some annual

report or blue book, from which I could cull it. I do not need to tell you that I shall appreciate very much whatever help you can give me in making up a statement as to the endowment the Medical School here should have if it is to be put on a modest first-class basis.

With kindest wishes to Lady Falconer and yourself, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. Stanley Mackenzie

A.S.M./H.

December 1st, 1919

President A. S. Mackenzie,

Dalhousie University.

My dear Mackenzie:

Murray and Mrs. Murray are leaving this afternoon for Lakefield, where they are to spend a week. He will then go to Ottawa and attend the meeting of the Council of Industrial Research, and get home about the 16th of December. The Convocation came off very much in his favour. He has had a great many letters since. For a time the matter was tense, but the investigation has been shelved and his bitterest newspaper opponent has come out with a long editorial which is quite complimentary to Murray and which acknowledges the matter is over. He says they must all join together now and make the University a success. I think it is a wonderful tribute to Murray that only four of all that big staff were opposed to him, and that even they in the Convocation reiterated that their quarrel was not with him. The indications are that everyone is now happy at the University, much more so than for a long time, and that he will receive a warm welcome when he goes back. The favourable decision has had a fine effect upon his health, and he is very much like his old self, full of fun, and ready to enjoy life again. One cannot be too thankful that things have gone so favourably.

I am sending you several pages setting forth our medical estimates. In addition to these we have the endowment from

Sir John Eaton which means $25,000 a year. It is divided up in this way: $10,000 for Dr. Duncan Graham, the Professor of Medicine; the Associate Professor of Pediatrics takes no salary, but $5000 will be used for paying expert help in this department; Graham will also have two practically full-time men, a chemist and a pathologist, at about $2500 each.

The appropriation for books in the Library for the Faculty of Medicine is $1700, not nearly enough, and Graham is taking steps to have this amount increased.

If there is anything further of course let me know and I will try to answer you. I was very sorry to miss you. Tory has been here of late and is to see me in a very short time this afternoon. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N.S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 20, 1919.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My Dear Falconer:-

I never acknowledged formally the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. sending me certain pages from your financial statement. I think, however, that I told you a few days ago verbally that I had received it, and expressed my very great appreciation. I have been looking over the details of these lists more carefully to-day, and find that they do not cover the departmental expenses in the following subjects: Biology, Zoology, Physiology, and Biochemistry, and I would be very thankful if it is no trouble for you to forward these also.

I am wondering what has been determined in Walter's case and shall be glad if at any time you have a moment to send me some information about him.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A. Stanley MacKenzie

President.

ASMc/B.

December 24th, 1919

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,
Dalhousie University.

My dear Mackenzie:

On Monday morning of last week I waited until I thought everybody came away from the Grand Trunk train, and I assumed that you must have been caught by the inspector, although I tried to find you the night before on the train in Toronto unsuccessfully. Evidently, however, you got through to Halifax.

I am enclosing the departmental expenses for Botany, Zoology, Physiology and Biochemistry.

On Thursday of last week Walter Murray had an operation for appendicitis. It has been very successful and he is progressing favourably, though he will not be able to leave for home for a fortnight yet. The Doctor thinks that this has been the root of the trouble and that he may be a new man now. There was no other internal disorder of any kind about which they are anxious.

With the Season's greetings,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N.S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 7, 1920;

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

My Dear Falconer:-

I am trying now to get suggestions for men to fill Eben McKay's place. That is, as far as his place can be filled. I hope we can get a good head for the Chemistry department but of course there is no one to take the place he filled in forming the character and molding the policy of Dalhousie. I realize that during the last few years we have lost a great many men from the University who were men of distinct personality, and that at the present time we are rather lacking in such men on the staff, and in filling appointments which will have to be made in the future I am emphasizing strength of personality, whereas at ordinary times I would be thinking mainly of scholarship. I do not need to say much to you about the qualifications required, but in addition to being a man who can handle the large lecture classes in the University he must be able to direct the research of Honour and M. A. men. The present salary is two thousand five hundred to three thousand dollars according to experience with a fair assurance that three thousand five hundred will soon be reached. If you can suggest any likely men or have any member of your staff do so I will be very pleased. With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A. Stanley MacKenzie

President.

ASM/B.

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February 10th, 1920

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,
Dalhousie University.

My dear Mackenzie:

I have been reproaching myself for some weeks for not writing to you and sending you my sympathy on the death of poor Ben Kelley. He was a good man and I realise how much you must miss him. Everybody from Halifax is regretting his passing. We will do what we can for you, and I will ask some of our medical men whether they have any suggestions to make. I rather think that the kind of man you want is not easily found, and I do not exactly see him around here, but there may be some of our graduates in the United States who would fill the position quite well.

I have only had one letter about Walter Murray and that was three weeks ago when Mrs. Murray wrote. I was getting anxious about him, but on Saturday Mrs. Norton telephoned to my wife that her husband had written that things had improved vastly in the last few weeks, that the agitation seemed to be dying down and that he seemed to be very much better. I hope that this will continue.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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SIR R A FALCONER

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO TORONTO ONT 1920 MAR 10 PM 9 06

ON MY RETURN I FIND DATE OF UNIVERSITIES CONFERENCE UNSETTLED LAST CONFERENCE RESOLVED THAT IT BE AT QUEBEC LAST WEEK OF MAY I THINK BEST DATES ARE MAY SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH JUST BEFORE ROYAL SOCIETY MEETING HAVE ASKED SIROIS TO GET VOTE OF EXECUTIVE WILL NOTIFY YOU OF RESULT HOW DO THESE DATES SUIT YOU

A STANLEY MACKENZIE.

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SIR ROBERT A FALCONER

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PREST OF UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO TORONTO ONT

PRESIDENT MCKENZIE LEFT THIS MORNING FOR OTTAWA CHATEAU LAURIER TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE FIFTH AND SIXTH IF YOU MEAN CONFERENCE OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES THE DEFINITE DATE WAS NOT DECIDED UPON

H JOYCE HARRIS.

March 11th, 1920

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,
Dalhousie University.

Dear Mackenzie:

I agree with you that the most convenient time for the meeting of the Universities would be at the beginning of the week in which the Royal Society meets. It occurs to me, however, that Tuesday and Wednesday would be better days, because it is doubtful whether we shall require more than a day and a half and we could come up on Wednesday afternoon to Ottawa and not lose any time.

Many thanks for your telegram.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 12th, 1920

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,
Dalhousie University.

Dear President Mackenzie:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to the Toronto papers in view of the unauthorised publication of selections from a report made by our Faculty of Medicine in view of the visit of representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation. It has caused us a great deal of annoyance as the interpretation that has been put upon the report by the newspapers would lead the public to suppose that this University was in a very grasping way making a request from the Rockefeller Foundation, which it in fact has not done nor ever intended to do. I can quite realise that if the newspaper reports have reached you, you might think that we were acting in a very selfish manner in regard to this offer.

I am,
Yours sincerely,

President.

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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N.S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 22, 1920.

Sir R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
T o r o n t o, Ontario.

My dear Falconer:

In the first place I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. giving your approval of the suggestion that the Conference of Universities' meeting should be held just before that of the Royal Society. I note your suggestion that Tuesday and Wednesday might be better than Monday and Tuesday, and am just waiting now for the replies from the members of the Executive to come to a final decision which will be immediately sent out to everybody.

I also received your letter of the 12th inst. with a copy of the letter which you had to send to the papers on account of some annoying, false reports which the newspapers had about the attitude of Toronto toward the Rockefeller Foundation. I quite understand the trouble the newspapers can make for one in the false impression that they can easily give. Dr. Vincent and Dr. Pearce were here at the beginning of last week and made a hurried survey of everything pertaining to the medical and health problem here. Of course they were naturally reticent and what line of action they may have determined upon, I do not know. Dr. Pearce is to return before very long to go into the matter in detail.

Fred Pearson, who is general manager of our Campaign for money which is to come on in June, is a little behind in getting out his literature. One of the publications which he calls the Appeal has gone to Toronto to be printed. Mr. Moore, of the Ward Systems Company who are helping us manage the campaign, is going to look over the proof. Mr. Pearson is afraid that there are points which might escape him, and in order to save the delay consequent upon sending the proof down here and back again, he wondered if you would run over it, if Mr. Moore asks you to, not so much for the technical proof reading as to see that nothing undesirable or questionable has crept in by the twist or turn of misunderstood word. It might also be that you could, with a glance, give a suggestion as to the better placing of the letter-press of the pages along with the illustrations. I told Pearson I would hesitate to ask you to do it if I thought it entailed any work, but if you will promise not to give more than a quarter or half an hour to the whole thing, if you can even afford that much time, I would appreciate it very much.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

ASM/C. President.

March 30th, 1920

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax,
Nova Scotia.

My dear President Mackenzie:

If any word of mine can be of service to you in your campaign for securing a new endowment for Dalhousie University I am glad to send it. Though I am not a graduate of Dalhousie I know your work very well. Your standards are such that the Province and the Dominion may well be proud of them. Dalhousie has sent out year after year finely equipped men and women, who have served the Province well and also the whole Dominion. It should be a matter of pride to all Nova Scotians and those who belong to the Maritime Provinces to maintain at the highest possible standard such an institution as Dalhousie University. I know of no University which has done better work on so small an income.

At the present juncture all universities are feeling a heavy strain. In fact they are in a critical position, for unless they are generously supported by their constituency they will not be able to do justice to their own staff nor attract strong teachers and the certain result of this will be that the youth of the country will suffer and the intellectual and moral quality of the people in the long run decline. Wishing you every success in your effort, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 30th, 1920

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,
Dalhousie University.

My dear Mackenzie:

Yesterday afternoon I went down to see Rous and Mann and spent a while looking over the form of your booklet. It seems to me that everything is correct. The various cuts are so far as I can judge placed correctly. The print is excellent and well leaded, and the paper seems to me to be good. I should think that you will get a very respectable publication. Unfortunately I cannot give you any more help than this as I leave to-night for the West.

I am also sending you enclosed herewith a letter which I hope may be of service.

Yours sincerely,

President.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N.S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 20, 1920.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Falconer:

We never filled the Dennis Chair of Government and Political Science, about which I remember I wrote to you two years ago. Somehow or other just the kind of man I wanted did not seem to be in sight. Now I feel that I must fill it without fail for next year, whether I get what I am looking for or not. While in Ottawa last week end, I had a nice visit with Walter Murray and he suggested one of your men, Hodder Williams, who struck him as man of considerable force and ability, and one who promises to make his mark in the future. As the success of this Chair depends a good deal on the holder of it being able to arouse an interest in the subject in the community as well as in the students, I would like to know what you think of Williams in considering him for this post, and particularly of his qualifications as a man who would take an interest in the community, and interest people prominent in various walks of life, business men and public men especially. and further, bring the community and the University closer together. I shall appreciate very much anything

you can tell me about him that will help me to form an estimate of his suitability.

I have had recommended by Professor Todd, now in Belfast, a man who used to be there in Economics, by the name of Conrad Gill. He seems a very all-round sort of fellow with a great many different interests, perhaps too many. His very versatility I thought might make him a very useful man for the Chair, but I hesitate to appoint a man I have not seen, nor has anyone in whose judgment I have confidence seen him. If Mr. Williams is one whom you can highly recommend, I could come up and see him next time I am in Ottawa.

Thanking you for anything you can do for me, and with all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. Stanley MacKenzie

President.

A.S.M./H.

April 26th, 1920

President A. Stanley Mackenzie,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, N.S.

My dear Mackenzie:

I shall be sorry if you decide to take Bodder Williams away from us though as far as I can judge from what I know of your wants he should fill the position very well indeed. He is a good lecturer, a good business man, and I should think ought to be able to interest the public. At present he is an Associate Professor with us drawing a salary of $3100, and even if there be no extraordinary increase given this year he would likely draw $3300 and soon run up to $4000, so that I think you would have to offer him a pretty good salary to tempt him away. If an offer comes I hope that it would be of such a character that it will not mean merely an increase of salary here beyond others, because he has gone up pretty rapidly with us already, and we have to keep our eye open to the effect that is produced in other departments.

I suppose like us you are at your wit's end for men. I am sorry I have been unable to help you with regard to Chemistry, but the dearth is growing serious in all branches.

Your Dalhousie prospectus is very handsomely produced by Rous and Mann. I must congratulate you on its appearance.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.